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Senators Seek Answer on Cuba

**Dulles Says Joint Chiefs Approved;
So Pentagon Leaders Will Be Queried**

Allen Dulles, Central Intelligence Agency director, has assured a Senate subcommittee that the Joint Chiefs of Staff approved the luckless Cuban invasion.

The subcommittee member found the Dulles assertion so incredible he framed an inquiry about the Joint Chiefs' participation in the most direct and plainest terms. Mr. Dulles did not budge. He replied that the Joint Chiefs approved, everybody approved.

The tension was relieved when the skeptical Senator, considered by his colleagues to be pro-Pentagon, threw up his hands and insisted that if that were true the country was really in a fix. Mr. Dulles joined in the laughter.

It was decided to let the Joint Chiefs speak for themselves, so the next important witnesses to face Subcommittee Chairman Morse will be Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, Army Chief of Staff, and Assistant Defense Secretary Paul Nitze, whose province is International Security Affairs.

It had been clear for some time following off-the-record

briefings at the State Department and continued inquiry on Capitol Hill that CIA was shifting the weight of the blame for Cuba to the Pentagon. Just how the military participated has not been suggested, but presumably the Army is being charged, rather than the Navy, as at first believed.

Defense sources insist they will be cleared in the end because their approval was made conditional on the accuracy of certain statements made by CIA. Whether anything in the way of proof was put in writing is not known.

One thing that has been established to the satisfaction of Senator Morse is that no Russian MIGs had been used by Premier Castro to defeat the invaders. The subcommittee, he said, has not heard one bit of evidence that the Soviets had sent some of their powerful fighter planes to the Castro government.

The subcommittee has also made it plain to Adolf Berle, head of the State Department's task force on Latin America, that they will be glad when he and his asso-

ciates relinquish their burden to a duly appointed Assistant Secretary of State for the area and an Ambassador to the Organization of American States. The task force, which was brought into the invasion discussions, is viewed by the Senators as a loose administrative device which cannot solve the urgent problems of America's present role in Latin America.

Cuba is scheduled to become an important item on President Kennedy's Canadian agenda. Canada's foreign minister has proposed that Canada mediate between the United States and the Castro government. The President now plans to reply that Canada would be welcome as a member of the OAS where it could work more effectively toward a joint effort to keep communism away from this hemisphere.

The Morse subcommittee does not expect to make a formal report of its Cuban hearings in whole or in part. However, there is nothing to prevent its member from airing their impressions on the Senate floor, and this is considered certain to happen.